# Theatre Arts, BFA: Educational Theatre First Semester Registration Information Packet



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## How do I register for classes?

Never fear! This packet includes directions for registering for your first semester at ECU!

- 1. Make sure you follow the instructions exactly.
- 2. Do not wait until your Orientation to register.
- 3. At your Orientation, an Academic Advisor will review your schedule.
  - a. If a schedule change is needed, you can do so through the first week of the fall semester.
- 4. Courses fill up quickly, so register for your classes as soon as possible.
- 5. If you were an Early College or Dual Enrollment student, make sure you submit a **final, official** transcript from your community college/university in addition to your high school transcript. If you have AP credit, you must have College Board submit your scores to the ECU Undergraduate Admissions Office.

#### **AUDITION INFORMATION**

An audition and interview are required for students planning to pursue the Theatre Arts Education program. If you have not completed an audition, you will do so in the fall semester. More information will be provided at orientation.

### **Registration Key Terms**

Academic Advisor: The staff member who will guide you through your degree. Academic Advisors assist with

course registration and degree planning, among other duties.

Add/Drop Period: A grace period at the beginning of each semester when you can add or drop a course

without penalty.

<u>Course Load</u>: The number of courses you are taking a semester.

<u>Credit Hour:</u> You may also see this referred to as "semester hour credit." Each course is assigned a

number of credit hours that measures the instruction and learning for that course.

<u>Full-Time</u>: To be enrolled as a full-time student, you should register for at least **12 credit hours** a

semester.

General Education: Requirements outside of your major that are chosen to give you a "well rounded" education.

Orientation: Required session/event where you will learn about campus resources, campus expectations

(also known as a code of conduct), and will meet with an Academic Advisor.

<u>Pre-Requisite:</u> Course or placement you must complete before taking a course.

Semester: Measurement that divides the academic year into 15-16 week terms. The main semesters

are Fall (August through December) and Spring (January through May); there are also shorter semester (8 week) options for some courses and Summer semester (May through

August).

Semester Hour: A semester hour credit is how college courses are measured. It is defined by the

Federal Student Aid Handbook as "one hour of classroom or direct instruction.

plus a minimum of two hours outside class work per week, for fifteen weeks" (semester).

## Did you know?

If you want to complete your degree within 4 years, without enrolling in summer courses, you should register for at least 15 credit hours for the fall (and spring) semester.



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## Step One:

Click <u>HERE</u> to open a step-by-step, screenshot tutorial on how to register for classes.

### **Step Two: Choose your Fall Courses**

Begin with the PRIORITY courses for your major. If those courses are full, move on to the next step to continue registering for courses. You can check for open seats in priority courses until the first week of the fall semester.

### Your PRIORITY courses:

THEA 2001: Theatre Technology and THEA 2011: Theatre Technology Lab	If you are a performance major, please leave MWF 3-5 open on your schedule to audition for directing projects.  2 credit hour lecture 1 credit hour lab (shop or crew hours)
THEA 1010: Intro to Acting I	Required. 3 credit hours
THEA 2015: Intro to Voice & Speech	Required. 3 credit hours
BITE 2000: Intro to Computer Literacy	Required for education licensure requirements.  1 credit hour

### **Step Three: Additional Courses**

For financial aid, insurance, and tuition purposes, you will want to register for at least 12 hours. If you did not get 12 hours from the suggestions in Step Two, choose additional courses from below and aim for 14-16 hours.

HLTH 1000: Health in Modern Society	Required General Education.  2 credit hours
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PSYC 1000: Intro to Psychology Or	Choosing one of these courses fulfills a social science: general education requirement.
<b>SOCI 1010:</b> Race, Gender, Class	(Must earn a C or higher in SOCI 1010 for licensure) 3 credit hours
Natural Science:	Choose any <u>General Education Science</u> course with or without lab.  Suggestions:
General Education	ATMO 1300: Weather and Climate
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	BIOL 1060: Environmental Biology
	GEOG 1250: Water in the Environment

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GEOL 1550: Oceanography
GEOL 1600: Earth and Life Through Time
GEOL 1700: Environmental Geology
PHYS 1050: Physics and the Environment
PHYS 1080: Physics and the Universe
3-4 credit hours

#### Step Four: What else do I need to know?

- If there is a course you want to take, but it is closed, add yourself to a waitlist. Waitlist instructions are HERE.
- Requirements for any major can be found in the <u>Undergraduate Catalog</u>.
- Advisors are only an email away!
  - Email <u>sotdadvising@ecu.edu</u> from your ECU student account for assistance. Our Academic Advisors get a lot of emails and have a lot of students to help, but their goal is to return your email within two business days.

**Step Five: Use Your Resources** 

General Education Course Options: Click <u>HERE</u>.

Registration Errors Explained: <a href="https://advising.ecu.edu/registration-errors/">https://advising.ecu.edu/registration-errors/</a>

Registration Tutorials: <a href="https://registrar.ecu.edu/preparing-to-register/">https://registrar.ecu.edu/preparing-to-register/</a>

Undergraduate Catalog: Click HERE.